

15 Tanglin Road,
Singapore, and dated 26/11/39.

Dear Glen,
If you saw a funeral coming up the road and the coffin was in a gorgeously coloured canopied hearse with little boys in the roof with painted faces and around it was jaz bands and lots of drums being bashed and creating a hell of a din I wonder what you would think.

This is a daily occurrence here as this is the general procedure for chinese funerals. They start by bringing the body out of the house putting it on the ground and crowding around it as thick as possible with an old tin cans which they proceed to bash as hard and as often as they can to make enough noise to frighten the devils away. They then proceed to get up to all the tricks under the sun to save the dead one from being captured by the devils which are turking about to snatch him. At times the hearse with the long bannered funeral procession goes off with a band playing the dead march etc. with all the devils chasing after it but as soon as it is round the corner they bundle the coffin into any old lorry and race off to the cemetery at the rate of knots and I can imagine them saying " we've diddled the blighters this time". The hearse with the procession is, of course, empty.

You must get into the habit of dating your letters as not to do so is a breach of etiquette and so I must begin with:- I am in receipt of your undated letter of post mark date 24th Oct in which we are pleased to note that you state that you are all well and happy-----

But really thanks ever so much for the newsy letter.

We have just had another two weeks in the mountains which went down very well. Ivor had a dose of b oills and the change cleared him up perfectly.

I have received two letters from my dad this week too. te

The mails are coming here all anyhow and we have just received about one month's mail in a batch. In an East Kent Times sent out by Cousin Joe Woodward I see there has been trouble with the Sandwich fire brigade and I consider this is a very serious matter. Why you might have a fire.

As I am much too tired to be stupid any longer I will go to bed so goodnight.

Love to you all,

Uncle [Signature]

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